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BOOK REVIEWS



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THE MIDWIFE'S PRONOUNCING DICTIONARY OF OBSTETRICAL AND GYNÆCOLOGICAL TERMS. Edited by Henry Robinson, A.M., M.D., Anæsthetist to the Cancer Hospital and to the Samaritan Hospital for Women; Late Resident Obstetric Officer at St. George's Hospital, etc. The Scientific Press, 28 and 29 Southampton St., Strand, London, W. C. Price one shilling.

This tiny volume has bound in with the rules for midwives approved by the Privy Council of Great Britain a list of such words and terms as the midwife may meet in her reading for the passing of her examinations before the Central Midwives Board. Perhaps its best recommendation is its brevity and its small form. It is easily carried about, but whether or not it should prove of value in an emergency is to be doubted. It is hardly likely to meet with much success in this country.

FUNCTIONAL DIAGNOSIS—THE APPLICATION OF PHYSIOLOGY TO DISEASE. By Thomas G. Atkinson, M.D., Associate Professor of Neurology and Physiology, Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery; Professor, and Head of Department of Physiology, Chicago College of Dental Surgery; Editor of the *Medical Standard*; Author of "Essentials of Refraction." Publishers: Chicago Medical Book Co., Congress and Honore Sts., Chicago.

This work presents to the student of diagnosis the normal function and the derangement of function which characterizes disease. Every normal function of the body is briefly described, as in the ordinary text-book of physiology, and immediately following it are given the disorders or derangements to which these functions are subject.

The book is not opposed to the theory of the micro-organism as the cause of disease, but it rather protests against the immense importance which has of late been laid upon "laboratory findings" in the diagnosis of disease. It endeavors to go back still farther and to search out the earliest departure from the normal in the function and its "sequential